

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 876

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to commend Russell D. Jamerson for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Russell D. Jamerson is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors and who will soon be completing his law degree; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Chief Deputy of Washington County, Mr. Jamerson has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamerson nobly served his country from 1987 to 1989 as a United States Army Military Policeman assigned to the 82nd MP Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamerson earned both his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Arts degrees in Criminal Justice and Criminology, as well as an undergraduate minor in Political Science, from East Tennessee State University; he has worked since 2007 for the University as an Adjunct Faculty Member for the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology; and

WHEREAS, he has served in many capacities for the Washington County Sheriff's Office; he began working there in 1989 as a Deputy Jailer, in which capacity he served until 1992 when he became a Jail Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, from 1994 through 1999, Mr. Jamerson held the positions of Patrolman, SWAT Sniper, Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant, Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Agent, and Criminal Investigation Division Sergeant: and

WHEREAS, he continued to work assiduously from 1999 through 2002 in the positions of Lieutenant, Planning and Research Accreditation Manager, and Captain, and he also served in the Administrative Services Division; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, he has served as a Major, Administrative Services Division Commander, and Marine Patrol and Dive Team Commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jamerson has also served as a seasonal Boating Enforcement Officer for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and currently serves as an Assessor and Team Leader for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as a Dive Team Member for the Washington County Rescue Services; and

WHEREAS, striving for excellence in all of his pursuits, Mr. Jamerson has completed many programs of professional development, including the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, the Tennessee Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar, and the Command Institute for Law Enforcement Executives; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Jamerson has been honored with the East Tennessee State University Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Nicholas J. Carimi Distinguished Criminal Justice Professional Award and the Colonel Aide de Camp; and

WHEREAS, Russell D. Jamerson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Russell D. Jamerson for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Washington County and the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon completion of his law degree, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.